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Department of Higher Education Appoints New Deputy Director

Rico Munn, Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education, announced the appointment of Dr. Kim Poast as the Department's Deputy Director.

Dr. Poast has over seventeen years of professional experience in higher education administration and community engagement. She has a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education, with a research emphasis on underrepresented student populations and gender.

At the university/college level, Dr. Poast has held a number of positions including Director of Student Life, Dean of Students, Academic Advisor and Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Community College of Denver, Regis University and the University of Northern Colorado.

Most recently Dr. Poast served as an independent contractor, specializing in grant and policy research/writing, and fundraising/planned giving. Her clients include CanDo MS (formerly the Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis), Sisters of Color United for Education and the Latino/a Research and Policy Center at the University of Colorado, Denver.

Dr. Poast has served on a number of community boards including: the Denver Center for Crime Victims, Mind's Matter Denver, the Cheshire Children's Fund, the Academy for Urban Learning (Denver Public School Charter school), DPS Executive Internship Program, and is currently Vice-Chair of Denver Project Wise.

"Dr. Poast's solid background in higher education administration and commitment to community engagement will be of immense benefit to the Department and especially to the higher education strategic planning effort that is underway," said Director Munn.

"As an educator and an administrator, I am acutely aware of the challenges facing our state's system of higher education and am committed to working towards solutions that ensure Colorado's institutions of higher education have the resources and capabilities to serve all of our state's students," said Dr. Poast.

Dr. Poast received her B.S. in Psychology and M.S. in Counseling Psychology from California Lutheran University, and her Ph.D. in Higher Education, Student Affairs Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado.

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